



# Community Connection

*Village of Canal Winchester, Summer 2009*

## Focus on Village Parkland

Developing and maintaining the infrastructure for public services in Canal Winchester has long been a priority for the village. Now, with upgraded water and sewer plants, all major roadways in good condition, and other recent updates throughout the village, staff has also begun directing its attention to parkland.

“We have a strong foundation for all of our basic services,” said Public Works Director, Matt Peoples. “We now have the ability to put more focus on quality of life issues.”

Over the past six years, the village has invested over \$5 million in its park system, raised through a quarter of a one percent income tax and park fees paid by residential and commercial developers. These funds have been used for capital improvements and regular maintenance and upkeep of the village’s parks and recreational facilities.

Earlier this year, the village created a Parks Advisory Committee that is looking at what amenities our parks currently have and making suggestions for future updates. The group is working to develop

individual concept plans for several village parks, which may eventually translate into a more comprehensive Parks Master Plan.

Park improvements slated for this year include a multipurpose path along Groveport Road between the municipal pool and Gender Road, a multipurpose path on Thrush Drive that will connect to the Groveport Road path, and a skate park at Hanners Park. Other future plans include:

- Shelter houses, fitness stations and additional parking at Westchester Park in 2010
- A gazebo/shelter house and trail guide signs at James H. Kelley III Preserve in 2012
- Additional recreational fields, concession areas, restroom facilities and an education center at Walnut Creek Park (timeframe to be determined based on whether or not the village receives a grant to assist with the updates)

Peoples added, “Having ample parks and recreational facilities for our residents is a priority of the village. We’ll continue to look for opportunities to upgrade our facilities and expand our parkland in the future.”



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## Hello... From the Mayor

With the current economic situation, it seems that everyone is paying more attention to budgets and finances these days. The village is no exception. We continue to monitor our spending, paying close attention to revenue and expenditures to make sure we maintain a positive financial standing.

You may also be watching your spending, looking for inexpensive and close to home options for shopping, dining and entertainment. Many area retail establishments offer affordable options, and by supporting these Businesses, you will help push money into the local economy. There are also several opportunities available for free entertainment within the village, such as spending time at one of the village's parks or attending a Music & Art in the Park concert event.

To promote improvements to commercial properties in historic downtown Canal Winchester, the village worked with Main Street Canal Winchester to kick off its pilot Building Improvement Matching Grant Program (BIMGP). The BIMGP is a reimbursable, matching grant program implemented to stimulate efforts to improve the appearance, longevity and structural integrity of downtown Canal Winchester commercial buildings.

To qualify for a grant, buildings had to meet several requirements, such as being a commercial property located in the target historic area and a commitment from the property owner to cover at least one-third of the project cost. Grants were awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to properties that met all the requirements as long as all information was submitted correctly. In total, \$15,426 worth of grants was awarded.

If you haven't already heard, Mount Carmel and Fairfield Medical have chosen "Diley Ridge Medical Park" as the name for their emergency care

center campus under construction at US Route 33 and Diley Road. Mount Carmel and Fairfield Medical received nearly 600 name submissions from members of the community and area classrooms to help name the emergency center. Although "Diley Ridge Medical Park" was not among the suggestions received, several recommendations included these words.

Finally, I'd like to update you on a recent outcome of the 2008 citizen survey. Based on feedback from residents, village staff is researching a satellite college program in Canal Winchester and seeking resident input through an online survey. To share your opinion on the type of educational program you would prefer, log onto the village's Web site at [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov) and follow the link on the homepage to the survey.

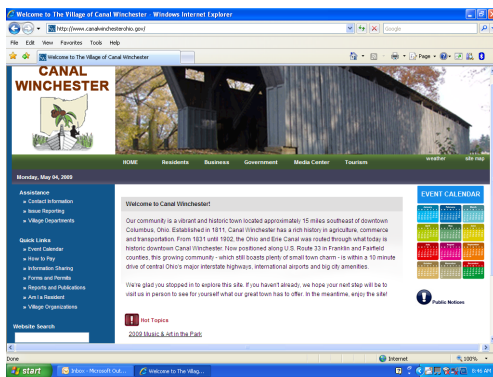
Sincerely,



Michael Ebert  
Mayor



## Village Web Site Remains Source for Community Information

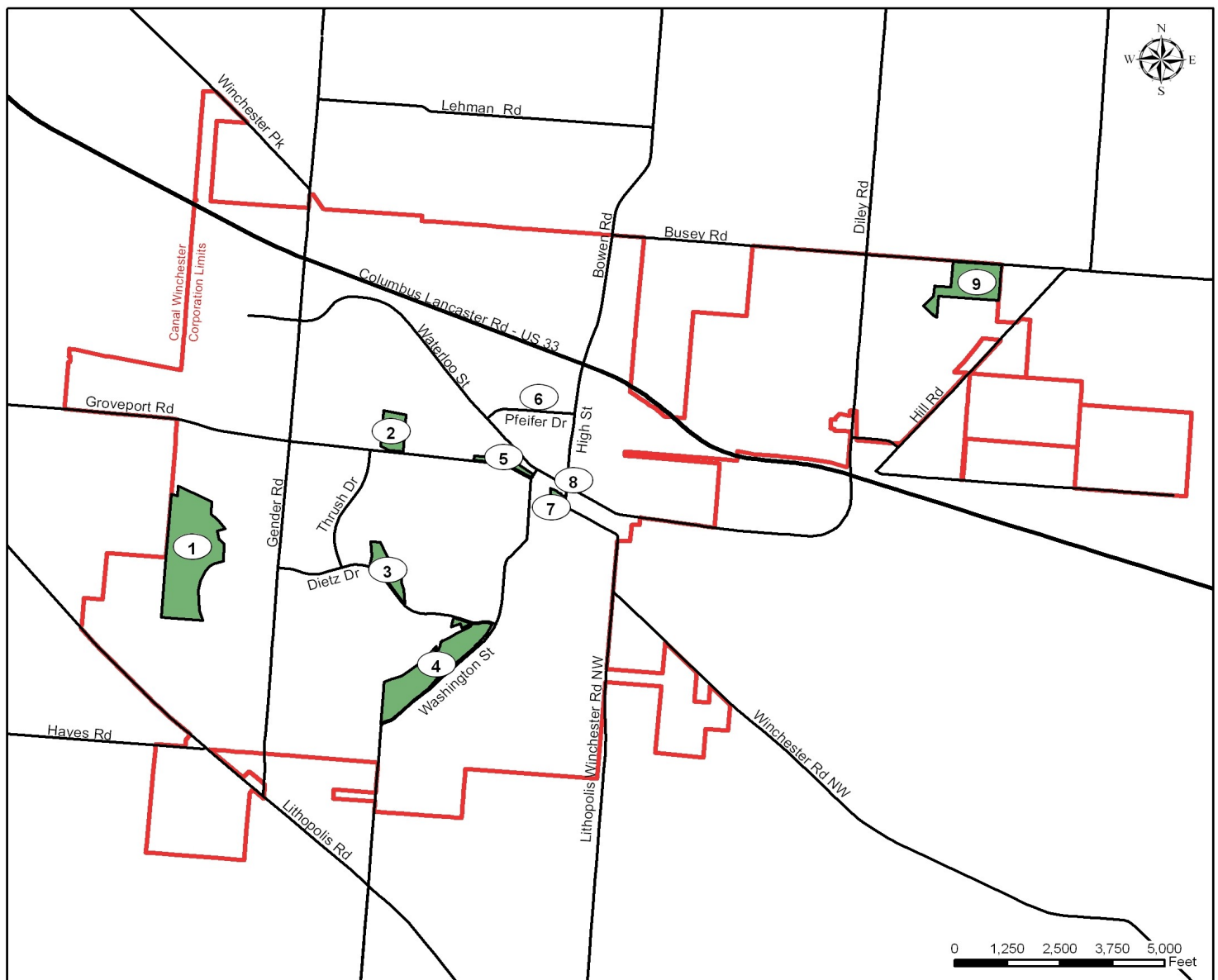


Are you trying to find contact information for a village department? Do you want to know whether or not you need a building permit for a project? Are you interested in recent and archived news stories sent out by the village? Would you like to know whether a specific ordinance was passed at a Village Council meeting? Find all this information and more at your fingertips on the village's Web site at [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov).

The village's Web site serves as a great source of information on several topics related to the operation of the village. If you can't find the information you want or have suggestions on how the Web site could better meet your needs, please contact the village's community affairs director at [choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov).

## The Village's Park System - Map and Amenities

No.	Park	Location	Amenities
1	Walnut Creek Park	6990 Parkview Drive	Multi-Use Recreational Fields, Conservation Area, Parking
2	Roger Hanners Recreational Fields	Groveport Road	Baseball Diamonds, Concession Stand, Batting Cage, Parking
3	Westchester Park	6620 Dietz Drive	Walking Paths, Playground, Parking
4	James H. Kelley III Preserve	Washington Street	Nature Trail, Covered Bridge, Creek Access
5	Guiler Park	180 Groveport Road	Public Pool, Concession Stand, Basketball Courts, Pavilion, Playground, Picnic Tables, Amphitheatre, Parking
6	Pfeifer Park	Jones Place West	None
7	Stradley Place	30 South High Street	Pavilion, Fountain, Benches and Tables, Parking
8	Frances Steube Community Center	22 South Trine Street	Community Center, Parking
9	Future Violet Township Park	Busey Road	N/A





## Did You Know?

With more than the 5,000 required residents to be classified as a city, the Village of Canal Winchester is expected to reach city-status after the new U.S. census numbers are released in 2010.

Canal Winchester's Water Reclamation Facility treated 405 million gallons of wastewater in 2008.

The village has its own weather station, which can be viewed online at <http://www.maxinfoshare.com/weather/wx.htm>.

Canal Winchester's Water Treatment Plant produced over 232 million gallons of water in 2008.

The village used 8,175 gallons of brine solution and 647 tons of salt to keep its streets cleared this past winter.

## Dates to Remember

May 15	Music & Art in the Park
May 25	Village Offices Closed
June 19	Music & Art in the Park
July 3	Village Offices Closed
July 17	Music & Art in the Park
Sept. 5-7	Labor Day Festival
Sept. 7	Village Offices Closed
Oct. 29	Beggar's Night
Nov. 11	Village Offices Closed
Nov. 26-27	Village Offices Closed
Dec. 4-5	Christmas in the Village
Dec. 12	Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 25	Village Offices Closed

## 2009 Music & Art in the Park Concert Series



You're invited to come out and enjoy the village's free summer concert series, Music & Art in the Park. The concerts will be held from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Stradley Place in downtown Canal Winchester on May 15, June 19 and July 17. Swing's The Thing, a 16 piece big band ensemble, will headline the May event. Other performers that night include dancers from Studio C and Living Statue, Mark Abatti.

The village will again partner with the Canal Winchester Art Guild to have local artwork displayed at all of the events. Art Guild Members Anne Blackwell, Margaret Eriksen, Andrea Fox, Cheryl Galloway, Christy Jones, Christine Koch, Denny McCann, Anne Packard, Sandra Packer, Annette Simon, Patty Sykes and Sharon Will are all participating in the May event. These artists will have original artwork, prints, cards, jewelry, and child room accessories for sale in addition to live demonstrations by some of the members in various mediums.

The June Music & Art in the Park event will feature Hillbilly Deluxe, a country music band, along with a

roaming magician, and a police/fire/military/construction vehicle display. The series will conclude in July with a cruise-in and '60s/'70s band, the Gas Pump Jockeys. Caricature artist, Sean Platt, will also be onsite offering free caricatures during July's event.

Registration for the July 17 cruise-in will take place from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. the night of the event. Participants can also pre-register by contacting Steven Nyeste at (614) 837-7493 or [snyeste@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:snyeste@canalwinchesterohio.gov). There will be several awards handed out at the event, including People's Choice, Mayor's Choice, Band's Choice, Sponsor's Choice and Farthest Traveled. Dash plaques will be given to the first 50 registrants.

The Frances Steube Community Center at 22 S. Trine Street will be used as a backup location for all Music & Art in the Park events in the case of inclement weather. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Picnics, excluding alcohol, are welcome.

## Make a Splash This Summer at the Canal Winchester Municipal Pool

Canal Winchester residents will soon be able to enjoy one of the best parts of the hot summer, cooling down and enjoying a fun day at the local swimming pool. The Canal Winchester Municipal Pool offers a competition pool with diving area, a zero-depth entrance recreational pool with water spray-feature, a baby pool, concession stand, picnic area and restroom/shower facilities.



The pool will open with reduced hours on May 30, with regular full-time hours beginning on June 6. The following are the hours for the 2009 municipal pool:

### **May 30, 2009 – June 5, 2009**

Monday – Friday, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, Noon – 8 p.m.

### **June 6, 2009 – August 25, 2009**

Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Sundays, Noon – 8 p.m.

### **August 26, 2009 - August 30, 2009**

Wednesday – Friday, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday, Noon – 8 p.m.

Memberships, pool parties and swim lesson pre-sales will be held on Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, May 29, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. These can also be purchased during regular pool hours. Swim lessons dates and times

are available at the pool and on the village's Web site.

The following are the established pool rates for the 2009 season:

- **Family Membership:** \$180 for families residing within the Village of Canal Winchester. \$220 for families residing outside the village but inside school district boundaries.
- **Individual Membership:** \$100 for individuals residing within the Village of Canal Winchester. \$115 for individuals residing outside the village but inside school district boundaries.
- **Daily Admission:** \$5 per day. \$2 after 7 p.m.
- **Ten Day Pass:** \$40 per person.

## Village Already Reaping the Benefits of New Water Meter System

As a resident, you may have noticed some changes occurring recently with your water meter. This is due to a new, efficient system called the VXU (Vehicle Transmitting Unit) that the Department of Public Works is installing within the village. The newly installed meters have radio transmitters that send information to a laptop in a village vehicle as staff drives by. The meter reading is then stored in a computer, which eliminates the need to individually scan each meter.

The VXU system has several benefits, including:

- More convenience, with resident no longer required to be at home to receive a reading

- Improved accuracy, significantly reducing the chance of a false reading
- A stronger range, two times that of the previous system at 400 meters
- Reduced reading times, down to eight hours in a reading cycling from 44 hours

“The VXU system will save time and money, while increasing accuracy,” said Division of Water Manager Joe Taylor. “Although there was a cost to implement the new system, we expect to recoup our entire investment within a few years and make the process more efficient in the meantime.”

The new meters are being installed on an average of four meters per day. After the meters have been fully replaced, the oldest meters in Canal Winchester will be from 2003. To keep the machines accurate, there is a plan to replace meters every 20 years. The first replacement is planned for 2022.



## Enjoy the Summer by Exploring the Outdoors



Summer time presents a great opportunity for children to go outside and enjoy all that the outdoors has to offer. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has put together the 'Explore the Outdoors' program featuring 10 fun activities to complete through September 1. Children participating in each event will receive a code to enter online for a printable certificate signed by Governor Ted Strickland.

The codes for the activities completed can be found at the following locations, on clipboards mounted to posts:

- Trail head markers at Deitz Drive and Washington Street, James H. Kelley III Preserve
- East entrance to the covered bridge, James H. Kelley III Preserve
- Walnut Creek Park entrance, north of the new middle school
- Southeast corner of Howe Pond, at Howe Industrial Parkway

There are three types of certificates available, depending on how many codes have been entered. The certificate levels are:

- Beginner Explorer (enter 2 to 4 activity codes)
- Intermediate Explorer (enter 5 to 7 activity codes)

- Advanced Explorer (enter 8 to 10 activity codes)

The first 100 children to become an Advanced Explorer will receive a GreenBird birdhouse, and all participants will be entered to win a grand prize camping trip. In addition, those completing the Get Caught Up in a Clean Up and Recycle Ohio activities will earn a recycling patch.

Children and families can join Canal Winchester's Urban Forester, Dick Miller, to complete the following activities during the summer:

### **Spot a bird at Walnut Creek Park (7155 Parkview Drive)**

*Thursday, June 11, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.*  
Other activities at Walnut Creek Park: Hike a Trail, explore a Wetland and Get in a Clean Up

### **Catch a Fish at Howe Pond (Howe Industrial Parkway)**

*Thursday, June 18, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.*  
Other activities at Howe Pond: Spot a Bird, Explore a Wetland (end of Dove Parkway) and Get in a Clean up

### **Explore a Wetland at Walnut Creek Park (7155 Parkview Drive)**

*Thursday, June 25, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.*

Other activities at Walnut Creek Park: Spot a Bird, Hike a Trail, and Get in a Clean Up

### **Discover a Stream's Inhabitants (downstream of the Covered Bridge at James H. Kelley III Preserve at Ashbrook Road and Washington Street)**

*Thursday, July 2, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.*  
Other activities downstream of the covered bridge: Spot a Bird, Hike a Trail, Catch a Fish, Splash in a Stream and Get in a Clean Up

### **Hike a Trail at Walnut Creek Park (7155 Parkview Drive)**

*Thursday, July 9, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.*  
Other activities at Walnut Creek Park: Spot a Bird, Explore a Wetland and Get in a Clean Up

For more information about Explore the Outdoors, please log onto [www.exploretheoutdoorsohio.com](http://www.exploretheoutdoorsohio.com) to download a resource guide, which provides additional instruction and suggested activities. For further questions, please contact Dick Miller, at (614) 834-5100 ext. 110 or [dmiller@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:dmiller@canalwinchesterohio.gov).





## Division of Streets, Lands & Buildings Manager to Retire in July



There are some things that residents in Canal Winchester have grown accustomed to over the years...historic downtown Canal Winchester, the annual Labor Day Festival and seeing Ed Snyder working hard as an employee of Canal Winchester. Snyder has worked over 20 years for the Village of Canal Winchester, including the past nine as the manager

of the Division of Streets, Lands & Buildings. However, someone else will soon be filling his shoes, when he retires this July.

Snyder has been just as much a part of Canal Winchester, as Canal Winchester has been a part of him. Residing in the village since 1972, Snyder began working for the Village of Canal Winchester in 1988 as a street worker. Now, as the Division of Streets, Lands and Buildings Manager, he is in charge of keeping the streets of the village clean and drivable. He enjoys many aspects of his job, but plowing the snow effectively so residents can drive safely is his favorite part. "I like getting the positive comments from residents and providing a service to them that they are pleased with," said Snyder.

Snyder has enjoyed all the years he spent working for Canal Winchester. "Canal Winchester has been a great place to work. We have had excellent

mayors, and we have been able to work well together," said Snyder. "I have met and worked with many great people, and have developed a lot of good friends." When asked if he had any regrets, Snyder said only that he didn't start working for the village sooner.

Although he won't be working, many people will still see a familiar face around the village. "I don't have any plans to leave Canal Winchester, and I intend to remain a resident," said Snyder. He said he will take some time to unwind and spend time with his family. Snyder has two grandchildren active in athletics, and he plans on attending their matches and supporting them.

Ed Snyder's hard work and dedication to the village and residents has not gone unnoticed. The Village of Canal Winchester is thankful for his years of service, and he will be missed by those who worked with and around him.

## Annual Labor Day Festival to be Held September 5, 6 and 7

The annual Labor Day Festival is Canal Winchester's largest and longest-running event. What began in 1920 as a small gathering call the Fall Festival, is now a local tradition that attracts thousands of visitors each year.

While the event has undergone several changes throughout the years, the festival still retains its original charm that is representative of the heritage of

the community. This year's event, to be held September 5, 6 and 7, will include carnival rides, a parade, live entertainment, a cruise-in and much more.

If you are interested in signing up for the parade, participating in the scholarship pageant, setting up as a vendor or supporting the event as a sponsor, forms and instructions can be found online at [www.cwlaborday.org](http://www.cwlaborday.org).

This Web site contains other general information about the event, such as a schedule of events and a map of the parade route.

For more information, contact the Labor Day Festival committee at [cwlaborday@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:cwlaborday@canalwinchesterohio.gov) or 614-470-0949.





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## Guide to Village Employees

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Community Center  
22 S. Trine Street

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Building Official .....614-834-5102  
Clerk of Court .....614-837-7691  
Community Affairs Director .....614-834-9727  
Development Director .....614-837-1894  
Finance Director .....614-837-6937  
Mayor .....614-837-7493  
Planning & Zoning Administrator .....614-837-6742  
Receptionist .....614-837-7493  
Utility Clerk .....614-837-7716  
Zoning Officer .....614-834-5101

Community Center ..... 614-837-8276

Construction Services  
400 Ashbrook Road

Construction Services ..... 614-834-5100, ext. 101

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Director of Public Works .....614-834-5100, ext. 109  
Division of Streets .....614-834-5100, ext. 105  
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